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FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5822

INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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SECSTATE FOR AF/EX

PRETORIA FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFSP, A EN

SUBJ: TERRORISM

REF: (A) STATE 249033; (B) MBABANES 3213 (NOTAL)

1. MARINE GUARDS NOT RPT NOT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE MBABANE FOR THESE REASONS:

(A) SWAZILAND SMALL SIZE AND HOMOGENOUS NATURE POPULATION MILITATE AGAINST POSSIBILITY COMPLEX TERRORIST OR OTHER PLOT. PRESENCE MARINES OR ANY OTHER USG MEASURES COULD NOT RPT NOT AVERT HIT AND RUN ATTACK AGAINST AMERICAN PERSONNEL OR PROPERTY. BEST AND ONLY PRECAUTIONS ALREADY IN EFFECT LIE IN GOS POLICE COOPERATION AND PRIVATELY HIRED GUARDS.

(B) AUGMENTATION OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY MBABANE CERTAIN TO CAUSE ADVERSE COMMENTS AND NEGATIVE REACTION. AMERICAN MISSION INCLUDING PEACE CORPS STAFF NOW SINGLE LARGEST QUASI-DIPLOMATIC GROUP IN NATION EXCLUSIVE OF UNDP BUT INCWUDING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION. AT VERY LEAST SIX MARINE GUARDS WLD ADD ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON ALREADY TIGHT HOUSING SITUATION;
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(C) NO RPT NO DIPLOMATIC MISSION SWAZILAND HAS MARINE GUARD TYPE OF PROTECTION. ISRAELI CHARGE HAS ONLY NIGHT TIME POLICE PROTECTION AT RESIDENCE. FOR USG NOW RPT NOW PROVIDE SECURITY FORCE ON SREWETIVE MASSIVE SCALE WOULD DISTROY REAL USG APPRECIATION OF TERRORIST EFFECTIVENESS IN EYES OF GOS AND PUBLIC.

(D) THERE FEW RECRATIONAL OUTLETS IN SWAZILAND FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF YOUNG SINGLE EMPLOYEES ACCOUNTING LARGELY FOR RECENT PATTERN SECRETARIES FOREGOING R & R FOR 18 MONTH TOURS. FOR MSG MARINES ACUTE BOREDOM AND EVENTUAL MORALE PROBLEMS INEVITABLE IN SWATILAND ENVIRONMENT.

2. AMBASSADOR NELSON HAD NOT RPT NOT CLEARED FOREGOING TEXT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE GABORONE. IF HE HAS NO OBJECTION, EMBASSY REQUESTS EXCEPTION FOR MBABANE TO DEPARTMENT POLICY TO ASSIGN MARINE GUARD COMPLEMENT.
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